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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4th, 1957

Morning Session:

9.00 a.m.—Registration.

10.00 a.m.—O Canada — Farmers' Union Creed.

Official Opening — Provincial President, Jas. Patterson.

10.15 a.m.—Address of Welcome — City of Winnipeg,
His Worship Mayor Stephen Juba.

10.30 a.m.—Greetings from Honorary Presidents:
Mr. J. Schulz, M.P.

Mrs. Mary McIntosh.

10.50 a.m.—(a) Election of Chairman and two Co-Chairmen

(b) Ratification of Credentials Committee,

Nominating Committee,

Resolutions Committee.

(c) Adoption of Agenda,

(d) Status of Visiting Members.

11.00 a.m.—Introduction of District Directors.

11.30 a.m.—President's Report — Mr. James Patterson.

12.15 p.m.—Report of Women's Vice-President — Mrs. Merrill Chapman.

12.30 p.m.—Noon — Adjournment.

Special: Light lunches will be served downstairs in the Hall
by the Millbrook W.A.

Afternoon Session:

2.00 p.m.—Report of Women's President — Mrs. Kae Dyck.

2.30 p.m.—Report of Vice-President — Mr. Rudolph Usick.

3.00 p.m.—Resolutions.

3.30 p.m.—Hon. C. L. Shuttleworth, Minister of Agriculture,
"Work of the Department of Agriculture"

4.00 p.m.—Report from Nominations Committee:

Nominations for President and Women's President.

4.30 p.m.—Resolutions.

6.00 p.m.—Adjournment.

Evening Session:

8.00 p.m.—Robert M. Maling, President, Farmers' Union of B.C.

9.00 p.m.—Hon. Francis Alvin G. Hamilton, Minister of Northern Affairs
and National Resources.

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Morning Session:

Afternoon Session:

2.00 p.m.—J.T. Monkhouse, President, Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-operative, "Greetings on behalf of the Co-operative movement"

2.20 p.m.—Report on Organization — Mrs. Bea Cruden,
Asst. Dir. of Organization.

2.30 p.m.—Elections of President and Women's President.

3.00 p.m.—Farmer Labour Relations — J. James, President Man. Federation of Labour; Mr. Gordon G. Cushing, Executive Vice-President, Canadian Labour Congress.

3.45 p.m.—Nominating Committee Report:
Nominations of Vice-President and Women's Vice-President.

4.00 p.m.—Resolutions.

5.00 p.m.—Egg Marketing Board Report — R. Usick.

5.30 p.m.—Resolutions.

6.00 p.m.—Adjournment.

Evening Session:

8.00 p.m.—Educational and Organizational Fund Draw.
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9.00 a.m.—Resolutions.
10.00 a.m.—Election of Vice-President and Women's Vice President.
10.30 a.m.—Address by R. W. Milner, Chief Commissioner, Board of Grain Commissioners for Canada — "The Administration of the Canada Grain Act".
11.00 a.m.—Report and discussion on group insurance.
11.30 a.m.—Resolutions.
12.30 p.m.—Adjournment.

Afternoon Session:

2.00 p.m.—Resolutions.
2.30 p.m.—Mrs. Lulu Evanson, Resource Librarian, North Dakota Farmers' Union, "The Organized Farmer in Today's World".
3.15 p.m.—Constitutional Amendments.
3.45 p.m.—Resolutions.
5.00 p.m.—Unfinished Business.
6.00 p.m.—God Save The Queen.

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Report of Honorary President



J. SCHULZ, M.P.

Through my work in the Farm Union Movement. I had become somewhat acquainted with the proceedings of the House of Commons. Every time I was in Ottawa with farm delegations, I took some time off to watch the discussion in the House. Sometimes I enjoyed it, but most of the time it was not only disgusting but sickening to watch the arrogance displayed by a government sitting with an overwhelming majority.

Now that I am in a position to take part in the debates myself, I am glad that the party whose thinking has been ruined by their big majority is no longer in control of our Parliamentary institution, and that we have a new government. With no majority to boast of and complacently rely on, it cannot afford to ignore public opinion or democratic principles. So far everything is going fine, and, what is more important, we are getting something done!

It is most gratifying to see that the hard and persistent work of the Farm Unions is slowly but surely bringing results. The Union program has to a great extent been adopted by the present government and with the consistent pressure on a minority government it will gradually be implemented. Advance payment to farmers can be looked upon as the first example. It is not all we had hoped for, but the principle, that farmers are entitled to pay for their work without paying interest on their wages, has been established.

The Farm Union request for parity prices for farm products is in the process of coming through, even though it might not come all the way this year. If we stick to our policy without being distracted from our course, farmers will, before too long, receive a fair share of the national income through parity prices.

As an old friend, I wish you a successful Convention. In the light of what is happening, you have all good reason to make it a happy occasion. I wish I could be with you.

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Report from James Patterson, Chairman Interprovincial Farm Union Council

Almost a year has passed since it became necessary, owing to lack of adequate finance, to dispense with a full-time chairman for the Interprovincial Farm Council. Since that time I have endeavored to the best of my ability to serve our movement as Interprovincial Chairman.

In some respects this post would not under normal conditions add materially to my duties, as it seems that I have always been closely associated with the inner workings of this section.

Circumstances, however, have changed — and while much of the field work has been left undone, in my opinion this has proved to be the crucial year for our Farm Union movement. During the current year we saw a political battle fought largely on the basis of agricultural policy, and we saw a government elected on a farm platform recommended by the farmers of Canada. This came about because through the program of the Farm Unions, the voters came to recognize the fact that a sound national economy is contingent on a prosperous agricultural economy, which is possible only through implementation of an effective policy for the farmer.

The Farm Union is now nationally recognized as the voice of the farm people. This position has been reached only after many years of honest analysis and consistent presentation of the farm viewpoint, and a vigorous discharge in every respect of our obligations as a farm organization. To many of us it has taken too long to reach the position where we are accepted by all groups of the economy — where we can effectively present the farmers' cause.

In the meantime, many have become discouraged because we were unable to get appropriate action on the main farm problems, and many thousands have been eliminated by the disparity existing in the farm community.

This income issue still holds top priority. The government has recognized the problem, and has promised to implement a program that will give the farmer a fair share of the national income. We have consistently presented the view that an effective program must be imaginative, and bold in its application.

I believe there are many people in all sections of Parliament who are honestly looking for an easy solution to the situation.

Let's face the facts — there is no easy way out of our dilemma. It has taken forty years to reduce the farm community to the present economic level. During this period the farm has served as the buffer

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Our statesmen (if such we have) must realize that Canadian people owe a tremendous debt to agriculture. Of necessity, some of that extracted capital must be restored, if farmers are to continue to play their rightful role in the nation.

The agricultural issue is a national issue: the cost will be great, and the necessary machinery cumbersome. The government has no alternative but to face the facts and resolve the issue, if farmers are to discharge their historic responsibility of feeding the world.

The future of your organization glows bright with opportunity to serve our people. It is the farmer's duty to see that the opportunity is maintained and the service sustained.

Best Wishes

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JAS. PATTERSON

President's Report

This is the third year that I have been privileged to report to you as your Provincial President, and at no time in the past seven years have I felt as optimistic of the future of our organization.

The past year has done much to stabilize the MFU, to classify our position and our role as an important segment of the farm movement. Various events have served to define more definitely our course, to emphasize our responsibilities and to draw the attention of many people to the true worth of a farm Membership Organization.

The position we now hold in the field of farm organization has the efforts of the officials of the MFU, but by the combined contributions of every member of the Union. This is something we cannot forget: That YOU have built an organization for the specific purpose of providing the medium through which you can actively participate in a program of construction in the building of a sound, effective farm policy that will regain for the farm community its rightful place in our national economy.

This has been accomplished in the face of violent opposition — the kind of opposition that has brought discredit on the farm movement, and whose negative and destructive nature all but cost the farm movement the respect of society.

In the meantime, we have learned many lessons. Perhaps the most important is the fact that time will not permit us to dissipate our energies and resources on matters of little consequence and on issues that are not of direct concern to the farm community.

As you meet in Convention today, you are charged with the task of presenting the views of your people and with laying down a policy that is in the best interests of the people you represent. I trust that you will be fair in analysis of the issues before you, and wise in the decisions you make.

I sincerely regret that I cannot be with you in this Convention. I will be thinking of you, and endeavouring to make a contribution on the international level. I have been warning the membership, particularly during the past year, that in a short time the Provincial Officials would not be able to spend as much time on Local meetings, but I never expected to find it necessary to miss our Annual Convention.

As a result of your efforts the Union is recognized in every way. Our policy is supported by almost every group of society, and appreciated by the man on the street.

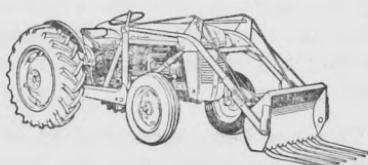
Indications from our membership returns show revived interest in the country and many lapsed memberships are being renewed. Everything is in our favor. All agree that there is a problem on the farm. Don't let it be said that we are resting on our oars, but go back to your Locals and make sure that your neighbors are invited to play a part in building for a prosperous agriculture.

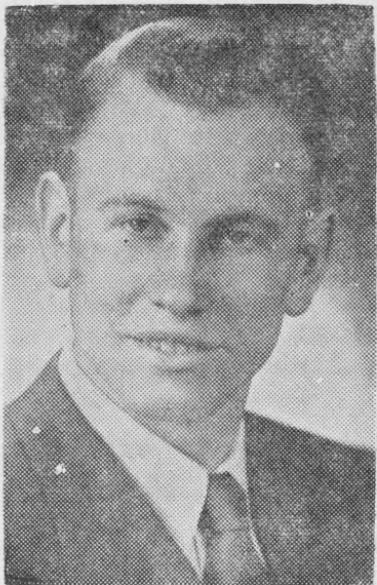
Our Farm Union policy forms the basis of discussion in Ottawa simply because the Government has recognized the agricultural need and is committed to implement legislation to deal with the situation. The nature of this legislation is contingent to a large degree on the interest the farmers demonstrate in solving their own problems by organized effort. Support your organization — and do your best to get the support of your neighbors.

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Report of the Vice-President

The year 1957 will go down on the MFU record as the final year of achievement of maturity. During the past year Farm Union officials, organizers and members who helped to create, nourish and uphold this organization through all the years of trials and tribulations, ultimately saw their opposition wilt and disintegrate before them, Farm Union policies accepted at both Winnipeg and Ottawa, and the future looking brighter than ever for a better tomorrow for the Farm Unions and farmer in general.

At no time in the past six years of canvassing and speaking for the MFU, have I encountered so little opposition. In fact, to be frank, with the delegates at the 7th Annual Convention, I have found absolutely no opposition at my meetings this Fall. Yet farmers are turning out in ever-creasing numbers to Union meetings across this province.

Many farmers in Manitoba were no doubt disappointed in the outcome of the Amalgamation issue. Probably at no time in Manitoba's history did so many farmers waste so much money, time and effort on a negative approach to a problem such as was shown at the special MFAC Convention on February 12th. Not only were the Almagamation agreements turned down, but a motion to provide amendments to the agreements was tabled, so that no discussion or decision could be made. The MFU Provincial Board meeting the following day still recognized the need for one organization and for the support of the people of Manitoba behind that kind of a proposal, and decided to leave the door open for Amalgamation if and when the MFAC decided that they also wanted to amalgamate. That proposal still stands today.

These discussions, negotiations, and meetings on Amalgamation had the effect of continually dragging or slowing down MFU progress last year but following the February MFAC convention, MFU membership and enthusiasm grew rapidly and blossomed into a full-scale organized educational program and list of achievements.

The delegation of some 90 men and women from the five Farm Unions, that spent one full week in Ottawa in February, was an outstanding success both at home and in the nation's capital.

The attendance, discussion and decisions shown by the members at the MFU Leadership Schools in the Spring — the District Conventions in June — the IFUC Conference in July — and the support of Farm Union Week in November, are all fine examples of MFU achievements among farmers and within our membership ranks. This kind of spirit was responsible for a 15% increase in membership in 1957 and possibly will account for an even greater percentage in 1958.

Since this is a report from your Vice-President, I must list my work for you since the last Convention.

From January 1st to November 22nd I attended 98 MFU Local meetings, and spent 5 days canvassing.

Attended 3 Provincial Board meetings, 4 Provincial Executive meetings, and 1 Leadership School.

Had 4 days of Committee work on Producers' Egg Marketing and was present at 5 District Conventions, and 1 Sub-District meeting.

Put in 6 days of work on briefs, committee material, etc. and attended all meetings of the MFU Amalgamation Committee in 1956. I was a member of the delegation with the MFU Annual Brief to the Provincial Government, and spent 9 days work on delegations to Ottawa: Federal Cabinet, all political parties, Agricultural Price Support Board, Labor etc.

Was MFU representative at a special meeting of the 10 major Western farm organizations at Saskatoon on March 1st to discuss a plan to be followed on Cash Advances.

Attended presentation of the Brief by Vegetable Growers' Association to Agricultural Committee at Winnipeg.

Attended an Inter-Provincial Egg Committee Conference in Regina as the representative of Manitoba Egg Marketing Committee (six organizations), and also the IFUC Joint Board Conference in Winnipeg: also all IFUC Council meetings.

Presented the MFU Brief to the Milk Control Board, supporting request of producers for an increase in milk prices.

Attended the Tariff Hearing of Board of Grain Commissioners.

Besides this work directly concerned with the MFU, I had other farm meetings and conventions which are linked with farm organization work in Manitoba. For example:

Spent 42 days at annual meetings, Provincial Board meetings and conventions for Manitoba Dairy and Poultry Co-operative.

Attended 11 meetings of our Local Board of Directors, annual meetings and convention of Manitoba Pool Elevators. Attended 4 meetings of Federated Co-operatives. Spent 5 days attending MFAC Conventions, and 3 days attending the CFA Convention.

This varied program enables one to keep a rather broad outlook on the farm organization picture as a whole, but it is quite a heavy schedule and entails too much time away from the farm home and family.

In all, there is a total of 214 meetings, conventions, attendance on presentations of various briefs, or days spent working on behalf of farmers' interests, in less than 11 months.

In closing I want to say it has been a privilege and an honor to be associated with the many members and officials of the MFU in the past year. Your co-operation and enthusiasm at all times, and your warm hospitality, has always been appreciated.

It may not be possible for me to carry on the burden of such a heavy schedule of meetings and work for the Farmers Union and farm organizations in general in the future as I have in the past. Therefore if the delegates at this Convention feel that we should make a change of Vice-President for the good of the organization, I am quite prepared to step down, and to serve the interests of the Union to the best of my abilities at some lower level of office.

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Report of Women's President

This past year has been an eventful one for our Union, for we have accomplished much in prestige and recognition of our demands for agriculture. But it has also been one of great concern, not only to our farmers who are leaving their farms to seek a living elsewhere, but also to those on many levels, such as business and government. They have finally come to realize what we have been trying to tell them for years — that agriculture is sick and needs help.

Our aim is a national policy for agriculture. A start has been made by the implementing of Bill 14 on Cash Advances, and the setting up of a Royal Commission to study the spread between production and marketing of our products, among other legislation promised. While we realize cash advances is not the solution to our problems, it was needed as an immediate act to alleviate the shortage of cash in the farmers' hands this fall. But we will continue to work for the long-term legislation required to put agriculture on a sound basis with other industries.

No one can assess the Farm Union's share in shaping the new government and the legislation they will bring forth. It is something that is intangible, but in one field there is something that we can definitely see and assess: the training of new leadership through the Farmers' Union and their entry into the political field. This for them is a new sphere in which to serve their farm communities, and we

wish them every success in their endeavors to brighten agriculture's lot, both federally and provincially.

Another matter of concern earlier this year was amalgamation. Since this was not achieved by the two farm organizations, the Farmers' Union have carried on to build a truly democratic organization where they had left off in their attempt to realize that amalgamation.

The departure of Mrs. V. McLaughlin from Central Office is noted with regret. In her six years with MFU, Mrs. McLaughlin was a mainstay of women's activities; we have profited much from association with her, and extend to her our grateful thanks . . . and all good wishes in her new environment at the University of Manitoba where she has gone on staff. As Women's President, I anticipate taking over many of the distaff duties so ably performed by Mrs. McLaughlin.

This year the women were given the responsibility of preparing and presenting a brief on Education. This is a very important matter, and a subject of much discussion. There was not sufficient directive on policy to prepare a brief, so the Committee decided to postpone presenting the brief until a policy had been decided by our Annual Convention, in accordance with the democratic set-up in our organization. As soon as this policy is decided by our Convention, we will present the brief to the Royal Commission on Education at a private hearing early in December.

As in preceding years, our Farm Union women have been serving in whatever capacities they are called on to perform — from making candy for the FWW Candy Fund, to canvassing for membership. They have participated in keeping our Union active in many ways, including helping out when the men had to take jobs elsewhere or were working at their farming operations.

I am sure that all the women join me in thanking our husbands for their co-operation and understanding, for without their moral and active support we women would be unable to serve in our organization. My personal and sincere thanks go to all the women who have assisted me in the responsibilities I undertook as Women's President, especially to our Honorary Women's President, Mrs. Mary McIntosh, for her wealth of experience and her wise counsel, so sorely needed at times.

Our Union has laid the groundwork for our Youth Program, and it should be a stimulating one for our young people. In this way we are building a truly participating family membership.

Owing to events beyond my control, it was impossible for me to attend to my duties for a short time last Spring, but as soon as I was permitted to do so by the medical doctors, I resumed my duties.

The detailed report of my activities for the term is as follows:

- 3 Provincial Board of Directors Meetings,
- 6 Executive Meetings,

- 2 Interprovincial Council Meetings,
- 2 Days Interprovincial Board of Directors Meetings,
- 3 Amalgamation Meetings.

Farm Women's Week I attended for only one and one-half days, as I was still convalescent at the time. I only attended one District Convention for the same reason. I feel that Mary McIntosh and Merrill Chapman did a splendid job on my behalf at Farm Women's Week, and they have my sincere appreciation for taking over for me. It was the first time I had missed since we started Farm Women's Week, but under the circumstances I would have been more of a hindrance than a help.

There were two Rehabilitation meetings, with another one pending. Also two meetings of the Advisory Committee to the March of Dimes, which I attended as the Manitoba Farmers' Union representative. I can report attendance on three delegations to the Provincial Government, the most recent one when Premier Campbell signed the proclamation for the first Farm Organization Week in Manitoba. This is significant to my thinking, for it shows that we have reached our coming-of-age as a farm organization. The Minister of Agriculture, Hon. C. L. Shuttleworth, stated that he would have the proclamation and publicity put in all the Department of Agriculture's material going out from his office.

During the early Spring I was afforded the opportunity of taking a series of meetings in the north of the province, and also a series in the eastern section. At that time I took part in approximately 22 meetings, and also canvassed for six full days. This I enjoyed immensely, both working with the Officials and the opportunity of meeting all the members in those localities.

This Fall a series of meetings was arranged for me, but I was unable to take more than five of them because of illness.

Last, but not least, are the two delegations in which I took part to the Federal Government in Ottawa. One was in February, when 90 members from all over the West and Ontario went to the Government then in power and presented their cases to impress the need for immediate legislation for agriculture. While we received every consideration there seemed to be no sweeping legislation forthcoming so I will not enlarge on that further.

After the election of June 10th, the Farm Unions decided they would set up an office in Ottawa for the coming session of Parliament, and this has since been done, with Mr. John Canart as Manager of the office.

Every Provincial Farm Union has sent delegates down to Ottawa in rotation to do the contact work so necessary this session, when the new government has promised much legislation for the agricultural industry. In this connection your Women's President spent two weeks in Ottawa as one of the representatives from Manitoba.

The main thing I would report from this delegation is the fact that every door was open to us, from the House of Commons to the Senate; the Civil Service were very happy to receive any indication of the thinking of the farmers on their problems, and were most willing to help in any way possible. This attitude clearly shows how others recognize the Union's prestige, our clear, forward thinking on our problems, and the ability to do something about them with the organization we have built up in the few short years since its inception. We have gone past the skeleton stage, past the blood stream stage; we are now a full-fledged body, and all we have to do is keep that body in good healthy condition, for final realization of the things we have been working for so long. As I mentioned before, we have come of age, and have demonstrated our ability to shoulder our responsibilities. This is nationally recognized, so let us continue to show our maturity.

I wish you success in your deliberations at this, your seventh Annual Convention, and express a confirmed belief in the ability of your Executive to implement the policy you set out for the coming year.

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

In presenting annual reports people always like to make observations on the past, and since I have watched our movement grow right from its inception, as your Provincial Secretary-Treasurer I would like to comment briefly.

Most of us today like to talk about the Farmer's Union in this province being seven years old, which is quite correct when we talk about it as a provincially organized body. There are, however, a good number of our farmers, including myself, who have been members of the MFU since 1946, at which time some twenty Locals were organized all in the northern and interlake areas of the province, and all still active today. However, as most of us know, the Manitoba Farmers Union did not really begin to grow until 1951, following the re-organization convention at Portage la Prairie.

Today, on our seventh anniversary, the past is history which many of you have helped to create — each doing his share in building the Union. As is the experience of most organizations, we have been through the grinder of public criticism, condemnation, name-calling and so on, but today we can be proud of the fact that we have withstood the storm and have come through with flying colors.

Our organization now is recognized by the public in all walks of life — provincially, nationally and on the international levels. We have

evolved a policy and agricultural program that has been accepted, and as agricultural producers we should make it our business to see to it that we continue to maintain a constructive and acceptable policy.

Once again, I want to express my appreciation and thanks for the splendid co-operation that I have received from your Executive and the Board of Directors. And again I wish to commend the splendid efforts put forth by our Sub-District and Local officials. As pointed out last year, no one is in a better position to value the efforts that have been put forth by all of these people in the field than I am.

We have had some changes on the Provincial Board this year; five women Directors have changed and three men. As usual, we have had many changes on the Sub-District and Local levels.

The Farmers Union, as an organization, can boast of a very impressive slate of officials when we consider that we have 2,800 elected officials on the Local level; 96 on the Sub-District level, 24 on the Provincial Board, and 4 elected officials on the Provincial level.

Your Central Office has continued to function efficiently and effectively. We have experienced some changes in the office this year as Mrs. McLaughlin, who had been with us as Assistant Secretary since 1951, left to accept a position on the staff of the University of Manitoba. As a result we have had to take on new employees, and hope that we can continue to give you the service which you have enjoyed during the past.

Our Income Tax Department has grown considerably during the past year, and Mr. Wheeler, who manages the Department, has had to have additional help during the rush season. The Department is now solvent and has been able to give MFU members the best Income Tax service in the province. Further expansion is anticipated for this year.

The Voice of the Farmer, our monthly publication, has been gaining prestige and we have had very favorable comments about the newspaper from many sources. We believe we have been able to keep our members informed on all developments within the Union, together with much agricultural information.

Miss Olive Edgerton, the Managing Editor of The Voice of the Farmer, is to be complimented on the efficient and interesting newspaper that she puts out each month.

You are all aware that the 1958 membership, which is being subscribed now, was increased at your last Annual Convention and is now \$6.00 for single membership and \$7.00 for the family unit. Included in the membership this year is the annual subscription to The Voice of the Farmer.

From an organizational standpoint, we have had a very successful year during 1956-57 and can expect outstanding success for 1958, provided that support continues at the rate evident during the past

month. We now have several Locals that have exceeded their membership by as much as 50 percent. This is a promising sign and could indicate that farmers have finally realized the effectiveness, and the need, of a truly occupational farm organization in Manitoba.

On behalf of Mrs. Cruden, our Assistant Organizational Director, and other members of the staff I want to extend to all of our Local officials our sincere thanks for your co-operation during the past year. Organizing a provincial campaign is no easy chore and unless our Local officials do co-operate it would almost be impossible to do what we have done in the past few years.

The membership for this year has shown a healthy increase despite the serious financial position of our farmers, which it would appear has been the only reason why some of our members have been unable to renew their membership.

The organizational campaign for 1958 has been more effective than has ever been experienced in the province. We have gained moral support from various organizations in Manitoba. On behalf of the Board of Directors and the M.F.U. membership, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to the Retail Merchants' Association, the Automotive Trade Association, United Grain Growers, Manitoba Pool Elevators, and Federated Co-operatives, who all agreed to ask their members and associations throughout the province to advertise Farm Union Week in Manitoba.

Our appreciation and thanks also go to the Manitoba Government and Premier D. L. Campbell who upon our request proclaimed Farm Organization Week in Manitoba from November 4-9th — the first time in the history of this province. Thanks go also to The Manitoba and Lakehead Implement Dealers' Association, even though their decision to support Farm Union Week came a bit late, and since all of the supplies had been mailed when their approval was received, we had to omit their support from our program this year.

Over 2,500 new members joined the M.F.U. in 1957, bringing our total paid membership for this year to 18,874, an increase of 2,000 over last year.

District membership standing is as follows:

	1955	1956	1957
District No. 1	1,772	1,212	1,514
District No. 2	4,254	2,755	2,995
District No. 3	2,819	2,080	1,918
District No. 4	2,162	1,314	1,603
District No. 5	2,926	1,972	1,994
District No. 6	792	678	571
District No. 7	844	632	658
District No. 8	1,925	1,323	2,241
District No. 9	1,154	671	900

District No. 10	2,683	1,712	1,924
District No. 11	1,595	1,101	1,096
District No. 12	2,066	1,437	1,460

Memberships received during October (which are 1958 memberships) totalled 236. From the above figures, congratulations are in order to District 8 which has made the most pronounced progress in the past three years.

In closing, may I extend to this delegate body best wishes for a successful Convention. I am sure that your deliberations during these three days will mark another valuable page in the history of farm organization in western Canada.

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District Fees 2,279.60

Organization Grants—

United Grain Growers 1956 \$2,000.00

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Donations— Local Organizations and Others 1,027.72

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Program Advertising 1,225.00

Educational and Organizational Fund 4,824.00

Convention Receipts 1,022.00

Income Tax Service Fees 5,708.05

Members Premiums for the Manitoba

Medical Service Received in Advance 1,812.04

Farm Women's Week 284.25

Inter Provincial Farm Union Council 1,250.00

Delegation Receipts 1,415.95

"Rise and Fall of Canadian Farm Organizations" 174.00

Building Fund 98.42

Sale of— Ledgers and Stationery 331.34

Union Buttons 118.75

Ties 24.00

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Sundry Receipts 11.00

Disbursements—

Furniture and Fixtures 77.10

Manitoba Medical Service 1,731.69

Union Farmer 5.00

District Fees 2,429.40

Farm Women's Week 393.43

Bank Loan 3,000.00

Provincial Officials—

Salaries and Allowances 8,016.55

Mileage and Other 1,451.96

9,468.51

Directors' Organizing Expense 5,563.61

Women's Directors' Organizing Expense 2,212.69

Other Organizing Expense 1,399.89

Central Office Salaries	14,408.10
Casual Help	747.62
Income Tax Service — Salaries and Expense	4,833.60
Hall Rentals	169.75
Convention Expense	1,992.64
Delegation Expense	2,086.45
Office Rent	2,556.00
Printing and Stationery	2,909.78
Office Repairs and Supplies	1,268.24
Postage	1,928.87
Telephone	1,409.75
Advertising	2,259.97
Inter-Provincial Farm Union	2,368.50
Board of Directors' Meeting Expense	1,337.95
Amalgamation Committee	862.12
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Printing and Postage	\$7,154.19
Miscellaneous	304.30
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	7,458.49
Car Expenses	924.14
Legal and Audit	350.00
Unemployment Insurance	183.45
Exchange	124.83
Secretary-Treasurer's Bond	30.00
Telegraph and Express	42.56
Membership-Education Week Association	10.00
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	76,544.13
Excess of Disbursements over Receipts	1,904.34
Cash on Hand and in Bank, October 31st, 1956	4,522.67
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Cash on Hand and in Bank, October 31st, 1957	\$ 2,618.33
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Cash on Hand	\$ 50.00
Cash in Bank of Nova Scotia —	
Building Fund Account	4,460.88
	—————
	4,510.88
Deduct — Bank overdraft Bank of Nova Scotia —	
Current Account	1,892.55
	—————
	\$ 2,618.33

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We have examined the accounts of the Manitoba Farmers' Union for the year ended October 31st, 1957, and we report that we have obtained all the information and explanations we have required. In our opinion, the appended Statement properly sets forth the Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the year, according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Union.

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MRS. MARY McINTOSH

Honorary Women's President

It gives me great pleasure to once again express my good wishes for a successful Convention to the assembled delegates of the Manitoba Farmers Union.

Convention time is the high spot of the year for all organizations. In a truly membership-controlled organization it is of vital importance. Here progress is assessed, policy debated, errors and omissions brought to light and corrected. It is a time of serious consideration by all responsible members, as to what we as a farm organization hope to accomplish, and at convention we build the unity and understanding which makes possible the fulfillment of these hopes.

For the past year the M.F.U. has had a tendency to grow like a mushroom rather than a tree, its activities at the Provincial level continually increasing. But what of the roots and the connecting trunk?

To me, the membership always signifies the root and the strength of the Union. It must balance the upper growth, or the organization will become top-heavy and topple over. Are we producing sound and multiple roots? Only by faithful attendance at Local meetings, assuming office when requested, and taking part in all Union activity, can members maintain the strength required to successfully represent Agriculture in the difficult situation into which our industry has fallen.

The trunk of our tree, composed of District and Local officials, has been damaged in many ways. Forced by financial difficulty or failing health, too many of our members have had to leave their farms to seek employment elsewhere. Political parties have successfully raided our ranks of active and experienced officials. Death has taken its toll too, and we deeply regret the loss of several faithful and diligent members. They will long be remembered with affection and respect.

If the Union is to perpetuate itself, more young people must become active at every level. I hope that the Youth Program will afford interest and experience. Perhaps the age limit could be forgotten in Locals where the juniors have all left the farms, and seniors could enjoy the study course if not the competition. No one is ever too old to learn!

Despite the optimistic display of statistics regarding marketing of farm produce, and the pious platitudes of politicians about aid to agriculture, the hard fact remains that real farm income continues to fall while costs are continually rising. The moral, active and financial support of every farmer in Manitoba is needed to save agriculture from ruin.

So I hope that from this Convention will come a policy of aggressive action and the fortitude to implement it. Good luck!

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Convention Report

The most outstanding year in the history of the Manitoba Farmers' Union, in terms of recognition and achievements, has concluded.

A Federal government, using as the basis of its farm policy resolutions formulated by our members and accepted by our conventions, is the result of Farm Union Action. Today we are in close contact with this government body through the Interprovincial Farm Union office at Ottawa. We are giving and shall continue to give assistance in setting up and carrying out a program that will bring stability and security to the family farm.

Through the untiring efforts and constant pressure of the Farmers' Union, other segments of society are becoming conscious of the fact that problems such as the wheat situation, rising costs and falling prices are not only farmers' problems but rather the problems of all Canadians.

To be informed is to be interested.

The splendid support of non-producer groups and individuals in making Farm Union week such a success has done a great deal to

further the farm movement in Manitoba. Publicity through press, posters and on the radio, utilized during the campaign, has a definite place in our daily life and we would do well to continue this very valuable phase of our work.

Inter-District meetings held during October have proven worthy of all-out support, for here the Sub-District Director and the Local President has been elevated to his rightful place. Through inter-District meetings these officials have the opportunity to work in closer relationship with members of the Provincial Board. Policy discussions at this level are a necessity, because thereby latest information is passed directly from Central Office to the Local.

My contribution through the year has consisted of attendance at all Provincial Board meetings.

Interprovincial Joint Board meetings.

One Inter-District meeting.

One Sub-District meeting.

Four days' canvassing.

Three Local meetings, as speaker.

Ten Local meetings, as visitor.

Five Leadership Schools.

Six District Conventions.

Farm Women's Week.

Farm Women's Day.

To District 10 goes the honor of holding the first Farm Women's Day in Manitoba, and I had the privilege of substituting for the Women's President as speaker at this meeting at Beausejour in May. An enthusiastic group carried out a splendid program covering topics such as farm organization, horticulture, accidents in the home, etc. The opportunity to promote better public relations by including non-members from town and country in future Farm Women's Day activities was noted.

Farm Women's Week showed an increase in attendance of one-third over last year. The usual varied program was followed with a keener interest and more active participation by the women. University economists received first-hand information as to farm women's viewpoints on such topics as Inefficiency and Farm Income calculation. The ladies are requesting a more down-to-earth business program, proving once again that the membership is educating itself to more rigid and unadulterated organizational activities. The men, too, are showing more interest in the program. Local Boards feel they should send one or two ladies from each Local with definite instructions as to voting on resolutions concerning policy. This is the type of interest we have been striving to create. The future looks bright for Farm Women's Week.

Leadership Schools continue to improve. With the inclusion of high school students in two forward-looking Districts last spring, Leadership Schools took a progressive step.

It was with regret that we learned of the resignation of Mrs. V.

McLaughlin from the Central Office Staff. To Mrs. McLaughlin goes the credit for originating and developing Farm Women's Week in Manitoba. Her untiring efforts and words of encouragement have given confidence and assurance to our women. We say most gratefully, "Thank you, Mrs. McLaughlin. May you find happiness and stability in your work at the University."

We offer our thanks and appreciation to the men and women who are the Local Presidents throughout the province, for the splendid job you are doing. Your attendance at the newly created inter-District meetings should assist you in your official capacity. There is work ahead — but hope, too! Let us build well for the future of agriculture.

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Constitutional Amendments

- 1) **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** Resolved, that Section 62, Page 13 of the Constitution be amended by adding the words —
"the Women's President" after the word "President" in the first line.
- 2) **Resolved that Section 57 (a) be added to the Constitution, Page 12, to read —**
57 (a) Any elected officials of the Union at any level of organization, who become political candidates, shall be required to submit their resignation from such Union office, but shall not forfeit their membership in the Union.
- 3) **Resolved that Section 48 (a) be added to the Constitution, Page 10 to read —**
48 (b) Nominees to any provincial office shall be required to have served one year on the Provincial Board of Directors prior to their nomination for such office.

Resolutions

- 1) **DEFICIENCY PAYMENTS AND PARITY - D. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 —**
Whereas decreased farm income due to depressed prices, during a time when other industries within the economy prosper, drastically affects the living standards of the farm family, and
Whereas there appears to be no lessening of the price squeeze pressure on the agricultural industry and it is quite obvious that continued deterioration of the agricultural economy will be reflected in the overall national prosperity of Canada,
Be it resolved that we urge the government of Canada to establish a price support program based on 100% parity on all agricultural products, administered on a unit system, and
Be it further resolved that such unit system be based on deficiency payments where necessary to be included in \$6,000, \$8,000, \$20,000 worth of farm produce per farm unit.
- 2) **GRAIN POOL TRANSFER - D. 12, 11, 10, 9, 7, 2 and F.W.W. —**
Be it resolved that the Manitoba Farmers' Union request the Federal Government to implement immediate legislation to transfer the stocks of grain, held by The Canadian Wheat Board in storage at the end of each crop year, to the Dominion of Canada to the account and risk of all the taxpayers of Canada, instead of into the next year's grain pool.

members, to get their views on the question of amalgamation.

8) POOL ELEVATOR GRANTS - D. 3 —

Whereas the Manitoba Pool Elevators is an important grain handling Co-operative and a great asset to the farmer-members, and

Whereas it would be in the best interest of all concerned that the Manitoba Pool Elevators does not become involved in any farm **controversies** but continues to give efficient service to all members of the Association,

Therefore be it resolved that this Convention hereby requests the Manitoba Pool Elevators to split the present grant given to the MFAC, equally between the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture and the Manitoba Farmers' Union, in order to avoid any further controversies.

9) FARM LOANS - D. 7 —

Whereas due to the high cost of land and equipment that is required in order to operate a farm efficiently, it is almost impossible for most farmers to establish themselves on economical farms,

Therefore be it resolved that the MFU urge the Federal government to establish a program through which farmers may become established on a farm by obtaining a long-term, low-interest loan through a government financing agency.

10) FARM LOAN BOARD - D. 6 —

Whereas the present policy of the Canadian Farm Loan Board does not serve the present-day needs of agriculture, with loans based on 65% of assessed land value, and

Whereas the present appraisal system is unnecessarily cautious,

Therefore be it resolved that the Farm Loan Board make the present appraisal system more lenient and increase the percentage of valuation on which loans may be made to a maximum of 90%.

11) CATTLE AUCTION - D. 5 —

Whereas the present system of selling cattle by auction is not satisfactory to the producers,

Be it resolved that we press for its removal and return to the old system until such time as something more favorable is found.

12) COMPENSATION FOR DISEASED ANIMALS - D. 6 —

Whereas a wide disparity exists between the compensation paid to farmers who have animals slaughtered due to such diseases as Foot & Mouth, Scrabies, T.B. and Bangs disease,

Be it resolved that the government be asked to consider bringing about a more equitable system of compensation.

13) PRODUCER MARKETING BOARDS - D. 6 —

Whereas no other branch of industry permits interference by other groups in marketing their products, and

Whereas the majority of members on Producers Marketing Boards should be agriculturists,

Therefore be it resolved that processors and consumers do not

have representation on the Board as recommended by the Standing Committee on Agriculture and Immigration of the Manitoba Legislature.

14) LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS' MARKETING BOARD - D. 5 —

Be it resolved that the MFU go on record in favor of a Livestock Producers Marketing Board in Manitoba, and eventually across western Canada, and affirm our faith in orderly marketing of livestock and all other farm products.

15) HOG GRADING - D. 6, 9 —

Be it resolved that hogs be stamped in such a way that the grade received by the producer is carried through to the consumer.

16) OPTIONAL GRADING OF HOGS - D. 6 —

Be it resolved that the MFU go on record as favoring optional grading of hogs in the interest of the producer.

17) EGG MARKETING BOARD - D. 3, 11, 1 and 5 —

Be it resolved that the MFU go on record as favoring the proposed Producers' Egg Marketing Board, and acknowledge the work done by the Egg Marketing Committee, and

Be it further resolved that the MFU do everything possible in co-operating to help the Committee bring the Plan into being as soon as possible.

18) EGG GRADING - D. 11 and 6 - F.W.W. —

Whereas merely 3 oz. per dozen constitutes the difference between the respective grade standard of eggs, while at times there is wide fluctuation in price between Grade A large and A Medium, and

Whereas tests have proven that cases of eggs as shipped by producers have weighed 120 oz. or 5 dozen more than the required minimum weight for Grade A large,

Therefore be it resolved that the MFU request the Federal government to have prices on eggs fixed as per ounces and pounds instead of by the dozen.

19) FLOOR PRICE ON POULTRY - D. 5 —

Whereas the farmer should not have to pay freight on poultry after it has been sold,

Be it resolved that floor prices on all Grades of dressed poultry be set across Canada for the capital city of each province, giving all producers fair treatment and eliminating what seems to be preferential treatment for the eastern provinces.

20) RETAIL EGGS - D. 6 —

Whereas consumers complain of poor egg quality, consequently reducing consumption,

Be it resolved that retailers be required to keep eggs to be sold to the consumer at temperatures not to exceed 50 degrees.

21) **MEMBERSHIP FEE - D. 12, 10, 9, 7, 6, 4, 3; and F.W.W. —**
Whereas Union activity is always retarded by insufficient funds, and
Whereas last year's resolution to increase the family membership
to \$10.00 was tabled at the Annual Convention,
Be it resolved that the women of the MFU campaign vigorously
for the \$10.00 membership fee.

22) **UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE - D. 5 and 12 —**
Whereas it is getting increasingly difficult to acquire farm help,
and the main difficulty is apparently the fact that farm workers
are not eligible under the Unemployment Insurance Act,
Be it resolved that the MFU go on record as requesting immediate
legislation for the inclusion of farm labor under the Act.

23) **CROP INSURANCE - D. 12 —**
Be it resolved that the MFU urge the institution of a comprehen-
sive Crop Insurance Program.

24) **P.F.A.A. - D. 3 and 6 —**
Whereas the qualifying area under the Prairie Farm Assistance
Act is too large, thereby eliminating a great many farmers who
should receive compensation,
Therefore be it resolved that the MFU request that the qualify-
ing area be reduced to one section, regardless of location.

25) **THE CANADIAN WHEAT BOARD - D. 1 and 5 —**
Whereas the present program of the new Government of Can-
ada did not promise the Canadian Wheat Board as the sole market-
ing agency as at present,
Be it resolved that the MFU endorse The Canadian Wheat Board
and give full support to maintaining it as our sole grain marketing
agency, and
Be it further resolved that the MFU go on record as opposing any
move toward the re-opening of the Winnipeg Grain Exchange as
another avenue of selling grain.

26) **FLAX AND RYE - D. 7 and 12 —**
Whereas the price of flax seed fluctuated in the past year almost
\$1.00 a bushel and the price quotation between street and spot flax
at times was as much as 35c per bushel, and
Whereas the farmer could not deliver flax when he desired on
account of it being under the quota system of the Wheat Board,
Therefore be it resolved that the sale of flax seed be handled by
The Canadian Wheat Board in the same manner as wheat and coarse
grains, and
Be it further resolved that the marketing of rye be handled in the
same manner.

27) **DISCONTINUE DIVERSION CHARGES ON PORT CHURCHILL
SHIPMENTS - IFUC —**
Whereas diversion charges on grain shipped through the Port
of Churchill apply as an unwarranted financial hardship to the pro-

ducer and shipper,

Therefore be it resolved that we urge the Federal Department of Trade and Commerce to have such charges discontinued immediately.

28) GRAIN DELIVERY ON SEED EXCHANGE - D. 8 —

Whereas The Canadian Wheat Board has regulations allowing over-delivery and sale of grain to enable producers to purchase seed grain requirements and grass seed,

Be it resolved that these privileges be extended to producers for seed of other specialized crops, such as soybeans, rape seed, sunflowers, etc.

29) CANADA GRAIN ACT - D. 1 —

Be it resolved that an amendment be requested to the Canada Grain Act to the end that the grower of grain can designate the elevator of his choice so that shipping orders, and box cars, can be allocated to facilitate the growers wishes.

30) GRAIN MEASURE - D. 8 —

Be it resolved that we approve the changeover in grain measure from the bushel to the hundredweight.

31) CASH ADVANCES - D. 1 —

Whereas the present Federal government have Cash Advances on farm-stored grain in their program,

Be it resolved that the MFU keep Cash Advances on farm-stored grain, with interest paid by the government, uppermost in the minds of the new government so that the issue will not be lost but will become a reality this year.

32) CROW'S NEST PASS RATES - D. 6 —

Whereas C.P.R. officials are continually agitating for removal of the Crow's Nest Pass Agreement,

Be it resolved that the MFU continue to support the Agreement and request the Federal government to hold the Railways to the original Agreement.

33) ALTERNATE DELIVERY POINTS - D. 6 —

Whereas there are numerous complaints from farmers about not getting a square deal from Elevator Agents when only one Elevator or one Company operates an Elevator at a given point,

Therefore be it resolved that the MFU petition The Canadian Wheat Board to allow farmers, when filing their application for a Permit Book, to state a second choice of grain deliveries, in order that the farmer may enjoy some bargaining rights.

34) GRAIN HANDLING COSTS - D. 12 —

Whereas The Canadian Wheat Board is a government Board and the farmer, who pays the total costs of administration and operation less storage on normal carryover of 178 million bushels, has no say in setting the Board policy or administration,

Therefore be it resolved that the Federal government bear the full costs of administration and the grain-carrying charges of the Canadian Wheat Board.

35) GRAIN QUOTAS - D. 9 —

Whereas the farmers are forced to deliver their grain to any Elevator where room is available at a specific delivery point, and

Whereas when the Elevator of the farmer's choice is filled, he is forced to deliver to a competitive Company,

Be it resolved that The Canadian Wheat Board regulations should not allow an increase in quota unless all Companies at a given point have space available for delivery.

36) PRODUCER PRICES - D. 6 —

Whereas the consumer is often misinformed regarding the price producers receive for their produce,

Be it resolved that the MFU urge newspapers and others to give more detailed information on the prices paid producers for farm products.

37) TARIFF ON VEGETABLE OILS - D. 8 and IFUC —

Be it resolved that for the protection of the butter producers, tariffs be placed on imported vegetable oils used in the production of margarine.

38) TARIFFS ON IMPORTS - D. 5 and 12 —

Whereas Canada has a surplus of agricultural products from time to time,

Be it resolved that the Canadian government place a tariff on such products entering into Canada on a level equal to full parity.

39) PROVINCIAL HANSARD - D. 2, 3, 5, 6, 10 —

Be it resolved that the Manitoba Farmers' Union continue to press for a Provincial Hansard in Manitoba.

40) CREDIT UNIONS - IFUC —

Be it resolved that we recommend to the Minister of Finance and the Banking Committee that Credit Unions be placed in the same category as Banks in regard to farm financing, through Federal legislation.

41) SHELTER BELTS - D. 8 —

Whereas field shelter belts are helpful in preventing roads blocking with snow and ditches filling with earth, thus saving the government considerable money for snow plowing and drainage, as well as preventing erosion of soil; and

Whereas trees beautify the country as a whole and encourage natural wild life,

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial and other governments give further support to the field shelterbelt program by paying the farmers who plant and maintain these trees in a proper fashion, a certain amount per mile.

42) NUCLEAR WEAPONS - D. 11, 6, 3, 2 and F.W.W. —

Whereas the women of the MFU, as mothers of the present generation, recognize their responsibility to future generations and believe that any further testing of nuclear weapons is a crime against humanity,

Be it resolved that we instruct the Federal government to use its influence on other governments to immediately stop these tests and make a sincere effort to abolish the manufacture and use of nuclear weapons, and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be channelled through other women's organizations wherever it will be the most effective.

43) LARGER SCHOOL AREA - D. 4, F.W.W. —

Whereas there has been little progress in the development of the larger system of education administration, and

Whereas the responsibility of definite action is left to the local community, and

Whereas there is an apparent apathy and difficulty in disseminating information in this regard,

Be it resolved that the Provincial government be requested to establish, unless opposed by a reasonable number of electors, the larger unit of school administration throughout the province.

44) SCHOOL TEXT BOOKS - D. 4 —

Be it resolved that the Manitoba Farmers' Union urge the Manitoba Department of Education to co-operate with other provinces across Canada in the standardization of school texts and grade standards in public and high schools.

45) SCHOOLS - D. 1, and F.W.W. —

Whereas high schools are full to capacity and taxpayers are being called upon to build more schools, and

Whereas in some cases high school students are aimlessly occupying valuable space and not only wasting their own time, but interfering with the progress of others,

Be it resolved that a system be put into effect either to make these "time killers" use their opportunities to their best advantage, or to make room for those who wish to better themselves.

46) EDUCATION - D. 4, 5, 2, and F.W.W. —

Whereas the Federal government's share of all taxes collected in Canada amounts to 77%, leaving insufficient revenue to both Provincial and Municipal governments to cope with the rising costs of adequate education facilities for our children.

Be it resolved that the Manitoba Farmers' Union once again urge the Federal government to assume a greater share of the cost of education, without interfering in any way with provincial autonomy.

47) RURAL INDUSTRY - D. 9 —

Whereas it is a recognized fact that there will be a surplus of

grain in Canada, due to the advancement of mechanization in farm operations, and to advancements in the science field, and

Whereas this trend of surplus production will likely continue for years and probably increase, despite the fact that the population on the farms will decrease,

Therefore be it resolved that the Manitoba Farmers' Union take the initiative to assist and promote special industry among the rural communities, to keep more people on the farm and to help make certain of diversification in the agricultural industry.

48) FOREIGN CURRENCY OR BARTER - D. 8 —

Whereas Canadian agriculture has suffered extremely under the present trade policies, and

Whereas Canada had a trade deficit of one and a quarter billion dollars with the U.S.A. last year,

Therefore be it resolved that we urge the Canadian government to accept foreign currencies, or barter our Canadian agricultural products.

49) MANITOBA TELEPHONE SYSTEM STATEMENTS - D. 8 —

Whereas the changeover by the Manitoba Telephone System in collection of service accounts each month has caused inconvenience to rural users, and

Whereas the changeover from the quarterly to the monthly system of billing has no doubt increased considerably the cost of administration.

Be it resolved that we request that the system of quarterly payments be reinstated immediately.

50) GASOLINE TAX - D. 5 —

Whereas the addition of the 11c per gallon gasoline tax places a financial burden upon farmers,

Be it resolved that the gasoline tax to bonafide farmers be abolished.

51) GASOLINE TAX REFUNDS - D. 6 —

Whereas gas tax money refunded to the farmers is the farmers' own money, and

Whereas gas rebate cheques are not made payable at par at some Banks, thus discriminating against some farmers,

Be it resolved that the MFU request the Manitoba government to make all gas rebate cheques payable at par at all chartered Banks in the province.

52) FUEL METERING - D. 8 —

Be it resolved that all farm fuel sold to farmers be metered and that such meter readings be stamped on the customer's invoice.

53) INTERLAKE EXPERIMENTAL FARM - D. 5 —

Whereas the whole Interlake area has a topography and soil entirely different from any other part of Manitoba,

Therefore be it resolved that the MFU urge the Dominion gov-

ernment to set up an Experimental Farm in the area, which would conduct research on agricultural problems peculiar to the Interlake area.

54) NATIONAL HEALTH PLAN - D. 5, 7, 10, 3, F.W.W. —

Whereas Mental Health is recognized as Canada's greatest health problem, since approximately one-half of all available hospital beds are occupied by mental patients, and

Whereas early detection and institutional care are vital to the eradication of tuberculosis,

Therefore be it resolved that the Manitoba Farmers' Union request the Federal government to include treatment and hospitalization of mental and tuberculous patients in the proposed National Health Plan.

55) DRAINAGE - D. 5 —

Whereas little or nothing is being done about drainage and roads in the Interlake area, of which a large section is unorganized territory,

Therefore be it resolved that the MFU urge the government to build more roads and drainages in order to avoid the serious flooding situations in this area.

56) RECOGNITION OF CHINA - D. 1 —

Whereas because of political differences we are not allowed to trade with Communist China,

Be it resolved that we petition the Federal government to recognize that country as a nation and remove trade barriers existing today.

57) GRASSHOPPER SPRAY - D. 6 —

Whereas the 50% refund to the limit of \$50.00 by the government on grasshopper spray is inadequate for those who have a serious infestation of grasshoppers, and

Whereas farmers are expected to spray road allowances and Crown lands adjacent to theirs,

Be it resolved that the government bear the cost of spraying Crown lands and road allowances, and

Be it further resolved that the government refund 50% of the cost regardless of how much poison is used.

58) STEEL PRICES - D. 8 —

Whereas the cost of farm machinery and machinery repairs is steadily increasing, placing a greater and greater financial burden on farmers, and

Whereas this problem is national in scope, affecting people in all industries,

Therefore be it resolved that we ask the Provincial and Federal governments to investigate all aspects of the sale and pricing of steel products in Canada.

59) ELECTION BALLOTS - D. 6 —

Whereas there is often confusion when marking a ballot as to the

respective political party represented by the candidates,

Be it resolved that the Elections Act be amended to allow the party affiliation of each candidate to be shown clearly on the ballot.

60) OLD AGE PENSIONS - D. 3, 4, and 11 —

Whereas the old age pensioners are inadequately cared for at the present rate of pension from the Federal government,

Be it resolved that the Provincial government be requested to pay an additional ten dollars per month to old age pensioners.

61) COMMISSION ON PRICE SPREADS - D. 5 —

Be it resolved that the Federal government set up a Royal Commission to investigate the spread of prices between the producer and the consumer.

62) FAMILY ALLOWANCE - D. 4 and 5 —

Whereas a child of 16 years and over is not eligible for Family Allowance, and

Whereas a child of 16 years and over, who is still attending school, is in greater need of assistance than ever,

Be it resolved that children 16 years and over, still attending High School, be eligible for Family Allowance.

63) FOOD PACKAGING - D. 9, 6 and F.W.W. —

Whereas wide bands of color, colored stripes, etc., conceal deterioration in quality and deceive the consumer,

Be it resolved that the MFU request the Canadian Association of Consumers to press for the use of clear plastic bags as containers for vegetables and fruits sold on the Canadian market.

64) LABEL CANADIAN PRODUCTS - D. 8 —

Whereas Canadian products shipped to foreign markets by way of various channels in most cases lose their identity, as do products imported and sold in Canada,

Be it resolved that the MFU request legislation whereby all products sold either on the Canadian or export market, which are manufactured or prepared in Canada, be clearly marked "Canadian," and

Be it further resolved that all products imported and sold in Canada be clearly marked with the name of the country of origin.

65) CHEMICAL SPRAY DAMAGE - D. 9 —

Whereas due to the extensive damage being done by some farmers to the property of others who have valuable plants and trees, especially during the use of 2-4D chemicals, and

Whereas it is believed that this damage is resulting because of lack of knowledge by farmers who use these chemicals,

Be it resolved that the MFU request the Department of Agriculture to put on an extensive education program on the use and care of chemical sprays.

66) MACHINERY COSTS - D. 4 —

Whereas farmers of western Canada have a serious financial

problem, which is increased by the constantly rising prices of farm machinery, and

Whereas the trend of manufacturers of farm machinery is toward two-tone paint and chrome finishes, the "new low look", etc., rather than applying modern engineering "know-how" that might simplify and reduce the price of machinery,

Be it resolved that measures be taken to find out the wishes of prospective customers as to the value of these unnecessary changes.

67) EDUCATION COMMISSION BRIEF - F.W.W. —

Whereas the Royal Commission on Education for the province of Manitoba will receive submissions during the forthcoming year, and

Whereas the MFU is vitally interested in providing equality of educational opportunity for all children,

Therefore be it resolved that the Manitoba Farmers' Union present a brief to this Commission early in 1958.

68) TEACHER STANDARDS - F.W.W. —

Whereas many teachers have not sufficient training to successfully serve their profession,

Be it resolved that the government be requested to make a clear Grade XII standing a requisite for entrance to Normal School.

69) DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME - D. 5 —

Be it resolved that a Plebiscite be taken in Manitoba on Daylight Saving Time, at the time of, or before, the next provincial election.

70) LAND ASSESSMENT - D. 5 —

Whereas present government assessment policy deducts 20% on stony land, which it is felt is not sufficient,

Be it resolved that the MFU urge the government assessment branch to increase this deduction to 50%.

71) RESOLUTIONS - D. 10 —

Be it resolved that all resolutions scheduled for the Annual Convention be sent out to and discussed by all MFU Locals, and

Be it further resolved that when these resolutions are dealt with at the Annual Convention, no discussions take place, but that the resolutions be voted upon by the delegate body in accordance with the instructions given to them by their Local membership on each resolution.

72) JURORS' WAGES - D. 10 —

Whereas compensation paid jurors is inadequate, and

Whereas certain farmers have to hire help while serving as jurors, and the wages paid to the hired help are much higher than the compensation received,

Therefore be it resolved that those called to serve on juries be paid at least \$10.00 per day.

73) DELEGATIONS - D. 1, 11 and F.W.W. —

Whereas women enjoy equal status with men in the MFU, and

Whereas the provincial women officials are expected to give first-hand information to the membership,

Therefore be it resolved that the Women's President and/or the Women's Vice-President be included on all official delegations and that their reports be included with all reports sent out. (i.e. Federal government, Provincial government, Agricultural Committees, Wheat Board, etc.)

74) TRUCKING LICENSES - D. 8 —

Be it resolved that the MFU request similar restrictions on trucking licenses, mileage rates, etc., on U.S. trucks coming into Canada, as those imposed on Manitoba trucks going into the U.S.

75) IFUC EXECUTIVE - D. 1, 11, and F.W.W. —

Whereas women enjoy equal status with men in the MFU, and

Whereas the provincial women officials are expected to give first-hand information to the membership,

Be it resolved that the women of the MFU request a woman representative on the executive level of the IFUC.

76) LEADERSHIP SCHOOLS - D. 5 —

Be it resolved that Leadership Schools be held in different towns in the District each year.

77) CUSTOMS REGULATIONS - D. 9

Whereas at present there is no comparison between the customs regulations at U.S. and Canadian ports of entry, such as brokerage fees, amount of goods allowed without brokerage or customs duties, time of day that trucks can be cleared, etc.,

Therefore be it resolved that the MFU petition the government of Canada for comparable legislation to that given to U.S. citizens.

78) DISTRICT CONVENTIONS - D. 8 —

Whereas June is a very busy month for many farmers in District 8, especially those who grow special crops in this area,

Be it resolved that we request that our District Convention be held in the month of July.

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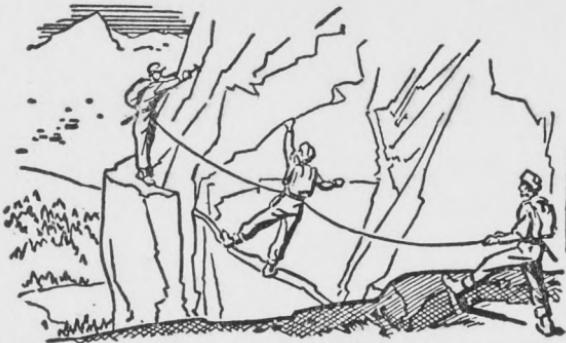
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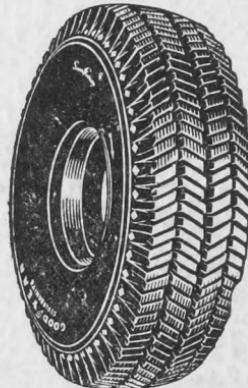
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